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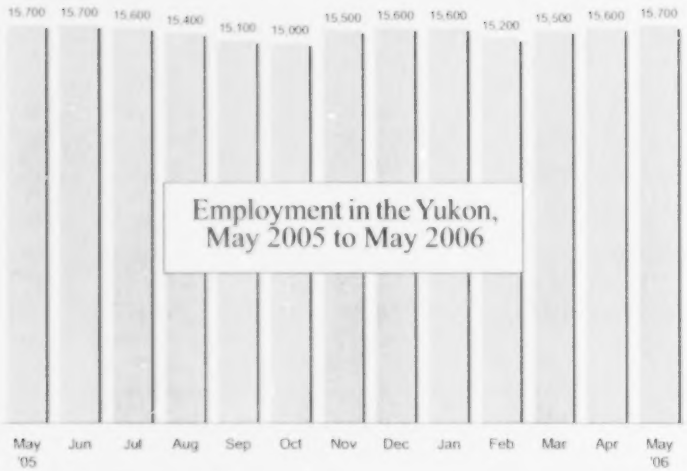
YUKON EMPLOYMENT

May 2006



Employment in the Yukon, May 2005 to May 2006

Yukon's labour force was 16,500 in May 2005 and after one year it returned to 16,500 in May 2006. Of the May 2006 figure, 15,700 or 95.2% were employed and 800 or 4.8% were unemployed. One year ago, in May 2005, there were also 16,700 individuals in the labour force of whom 15,800 or 95.2% were employed and 800 or 4.8% were unemployed.

May 2006
Employment at a glance:

- Labour force: 16,500
- Employment: 15,700
- Unemployment: 800
- Unemployment rate: 4.8%
  - *-Last month 4.9%*
  - *-One year ago 4.8%*

Figures From Across Canada

	Number Employed	Number Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Yukon	**15,700**	**800**	**4.8%**
Canada	16,514,900	1,073,200	6.1%
Newfoundland & Labrador	216,000	37,500	14.8%
P.E.I.	69,800	7,800	10.1%
Nova Scotia	444,500	38,800	8.0%
New Brunswick	360,100	33,900	8.6%
Quebec	3,759,100	322,000	7.9%
Ontario	6,520,800	408,500	5.9%
Manitoba	588,200	25,500	4.2%
Saskatchewan	486,500	24,900	4.9%
Alberta	1,876,200	65,900	3.4%
B.C.	2,193,600	108,400	4.7%

This table shows that Yukon ranks fourth in the country in terms of the unemployment rate (4.8%). Alberta's unemployment rate (3.4%) was lowest, while Newfoundland's rate (14.8%) ranked #11.

Note: the NWT's figure of 5.0% is available only as an "unadjusted" estimate and therefore is not included in this table of seasonally adjusted data. Nunavut figures are not available.

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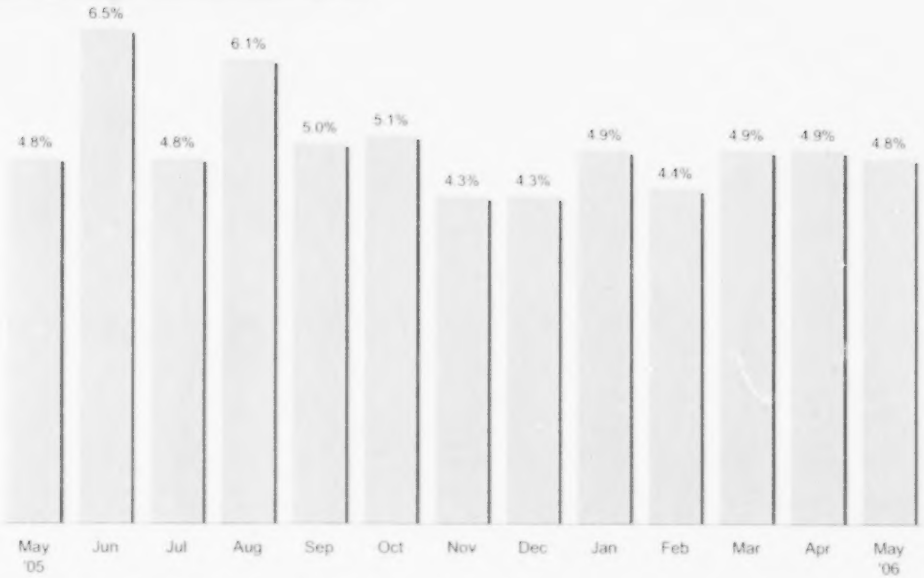
Yukon's Unemployment Rate



The unemployment rate has remained relatively stable and low over the past year. The following changes have occurred on a month to month basis:

		Percentage points *
2005	• May to June	1.7
	• June to July	-1.7
	• July to August	1.3
	• August to September	-1.1
	• September to October	0.1
	• October to November	-0.8
	• November to December	0.0
	• Dec. '05 to January '06	0.6
2006	• January to February	-0.5
	• February to March	0.5
	• March to April	0.0
	• April to May	-0.1

* *percentage point is the actual numerical difference between two percentages, such as: 10% - 8% = 2 percentage points.*

What is the unemployment rate, and how is it calculated?

The unemployment rate shows the relationship between the number of unemployed and the labour force. The labour force includes those individuals 15 years of age and older who are either employed or unemployed but looking for work. The higher the value of the unemployment rate, the greater the number of individuals unemployed as compared to the labour force.

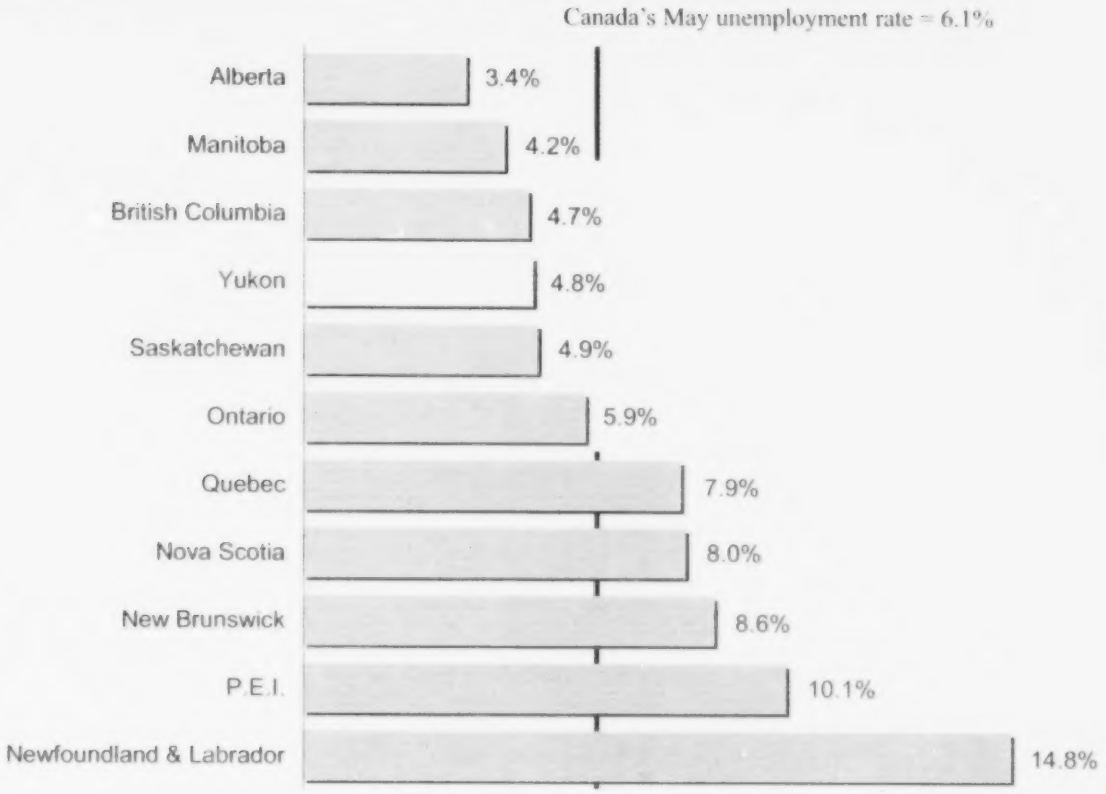
The survey that estimates the Yukon's unemployment rate, the Labour Force Survey, or LFS, has been in operation in the Yukon since January 1992.

Over the last 15 years the average unemployment rate for May has been 9.7%.

Looking at the change in the unemployment rate between April and May in previous years, since 1992 the rate has fallen 6 times and risen 7 times, and remained the same twice.

	April	May	Change
2006	4.9%	4.8%	-0.1%
2005	4.8%	4.8%	0.0%
2004	6.2%	6.2%	0.0%
2003	8.6%	9.9%	1.3%
2002	8.6%	8.5%	-0.1%
2001	10.8%	12.6%	1.8%
2000	8.4%	9.7%	1.3%
1999	12.3%	13.5%	1.2%
1998	14.2%	13.4%	-0.8%
1997	12.0%	11.9%	-0.1%
1996	9.0%	8.3%	-0.7%
1995	7.6%	8.1%	0.5%
1994	10.4%	10.3%	-0.1%
1993	13.4%	14.7%	1.3%
1992	8.3%	8.9%	0.6%
Average 1992 to 2006	**9.3%**	**9.7%**	**0.4%**

Unemployment rates: Canada, Provinces and Yukon – May 2006



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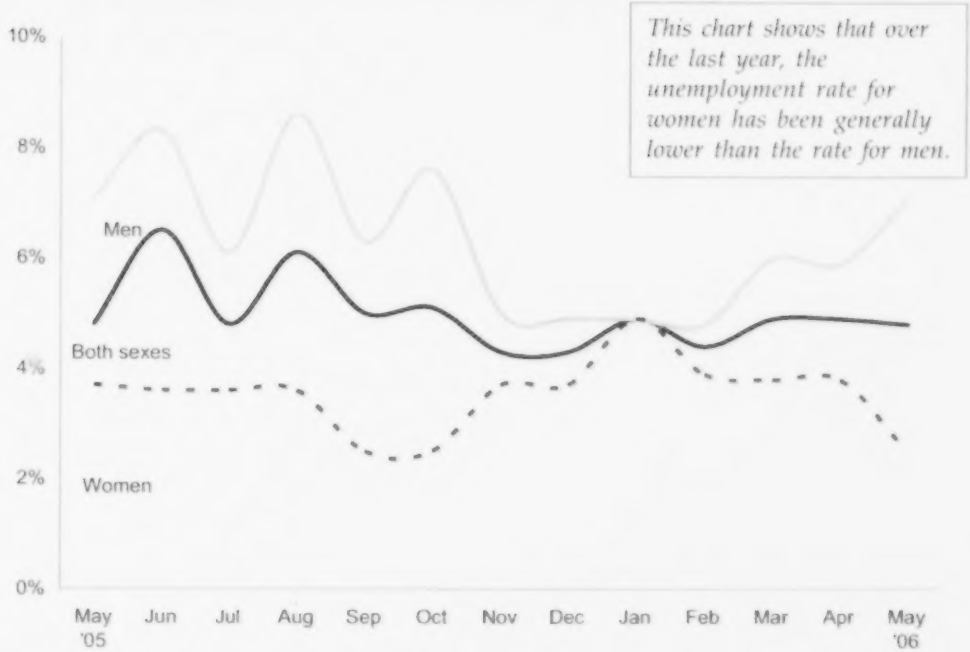
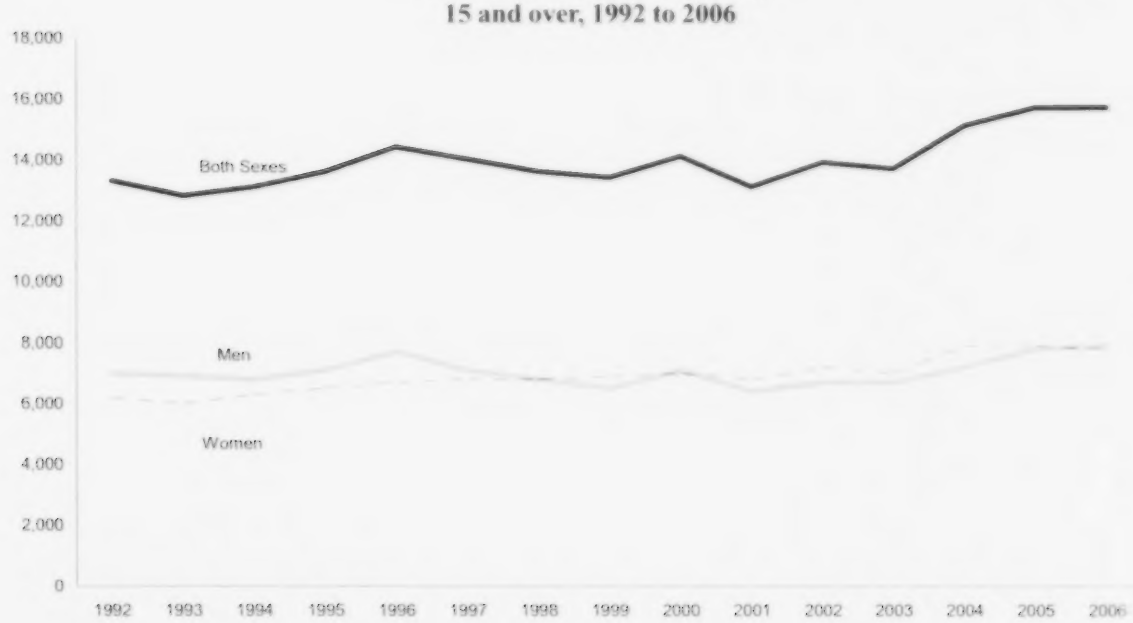


Yukon's Labour Force Aged 15 and Over Continued ...

		Labour Force			Employment			Unemployment		
		Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women
2006	May	16,500	8,500	8,000	15,700	7,900	7,800	800	600	200
	Apr	16,400	8,500	7,900	15,600	8,000	7,700	800	500	300
	Mar	16,300	8,400	7,900	15,500	8,000	7,500	800	500	300
	Feb	16,000	8,300	7,700	15,200	7,900	7,400	700	400	300
	Jan	16,300	8,200	8,100	15,600	7,900	7,700	800	400	400
2005	Dec	16,200	8,100	8,100	15,600	7,700	7,800	700	400	300
	Nov	16,200	8,000	8,200	15,500	7,600	7,900	700	400	300
	Oct	15,800	7,900	7,900	15,000	7,300	7,800	800	600	200
	Sep	15,900	7,900	8,000	15,100	7,400	7,800	800	500	200
	Aug	16,400	8,100	8,300	15,400	7,300	8,000	1,000	700	300
	Jul	16,500	8,200	8,300	15,600	7,700	8,000	800	500	300
	Jun	16,800	8,400	8,400	15,700	7,700	8,000	1,100	700	300
	May	16,500	8,400	8,200	15,700	7,800	7,900	800	600	300
2004	May	16,100	8,000	8,100	15,100	7,200	7,900	1,000	700	200
2003	May	15,200	7,700	7,500	13,700	6,700	7,000	1,500	1,000	500
2002	May	15,300	7,700	7,500	13,900	6,700	7,200	1,300	1,000	300
2001	May	15,100	7,700	7,300	13,100	6,400	6,800	1,900	1,300	600
2000	May	15,500	8,100	7,400	14,100	7,100	7,000	1,500	1,100	400
1999	May	15,500	8,100	7,500	13,400	6,500	6,900	2,100	1,600	500
1998	May	15,700	8,300	7,400	13,600	6,800	6,800	2,100	1,500	600
1997	May	15,900	8,500	7,400	14,000	7,100	6,800	1,900	1,300	600
1996	May	15,700	8,500	7,200	14,400	7,700	6,700	1,300	800	500
1995	May	14,800	8,000	6,800	13,600	7,100	6,500	1,200	900	300
1994	May	14,600	7,800	6,700	13,100	6,800	6,300	1,500	1,100	400
1993	May	15,000	8,200	6,800	12,800	6,900	6,000	2,200	1,300	800
1992	May	14,600	7,900	6,700	13,300	7,000	6,200	1,300	900	500
Average May 1992 to 2006		**15,500**	**8,100**	**7,400**	**14,000**	**7,000**	**6,900**	**1,500**	**1,000**	**400**

Number of Employed for May, 15 and over, 1992 to 2006



Yukon's Labour Force, Aged 25 and Over

		Labour Force			Employment			Unemployment		
		Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women
2006	May	13,700	6,900	6,800	13,200	6,600	6,600	500	300	200
	Apr	13,700	6,900	6,800	13,300	6,700	6,600	500	200	200
	Mar	13,600	6,900	6,700	13,100	6,600	6,500	500	200	300
	Feb	13,300	6,800	6,500	12,900	6,600	6,300	400	200	200
	Jan	13,300	6,800	6,600	12,900	6,500	6,400	400	200	200
2005	Dec	13,300	6,700	6,500	12,900	6,500	6,500	200	200	*
	Nov	13,200	6,600	6,600	12,800	6,300	6,500	400	200	200
	Oct	13,100	6,400	6,700	12,500	6,000	6,500	600	400	200
	Sep	13,100	6,400	6,700	12,600	6,000	6,600	500	400	200
	Aug	13,500	6,500	7,000	12,800	6,000	6,800	700	500	200
	Jul	13,500	6,600	6,900	13,100	6,300	6,800	400	300	*
	Jun	13,700	6,800	6,900	13,000	6,300	6,700	700	500	200
	May	13,500	6,900	6,700	12,900	6,400	6,500	600	500	200
2004	May	13,400	6,700	6,800	12,700	6,100	6,500	800	500	200
2003	May	13,200	6,600	6,600	12,000	5,900	6,100	1,100	600	500
2002	May	12,800	6,500	6,400	11,700	5,600	6,100	1,100	800	300
2001	May	13,100	6,600	6,600	11,600	5,600	6,000	1,500	900	600
2000	May	13,400	6,900	6,600	12,300	6,100	6,200	1,200	800	400
1999	May	13,300	6,800	6,500	11,700	5,700	6,000	1,600	1,100	500
1998	May	13,600	7,100	6,500	11,900	6,000	5,900	1,600	1,100	600
1997	May	13,600	7,100	6,400	12,000	6,200	5,800	1,600	900	600
1996	May	13,400	7,200	6,200	12,400	6,600	5,800	1,100	600	500
1995	May	12,800	6,900	5,900	11,900	6,300	5,600	900	600	300
1994	May	12,600	6,600	5,900	11,400	5,900	5,500	1,100	700	400
1993	May	12,700	6,700	6,000	10,800	5,700	5,200	1,900	1,100	800
1992	May	12,300	6,600	5,700	11,200	6,000	5,200	1,100	600	500
Average May 1992 to 2006		**13,200**	**6,800**	**6,400**	**12,000**	**6,000**	**5,900**	**1,200**	**700**	**400**

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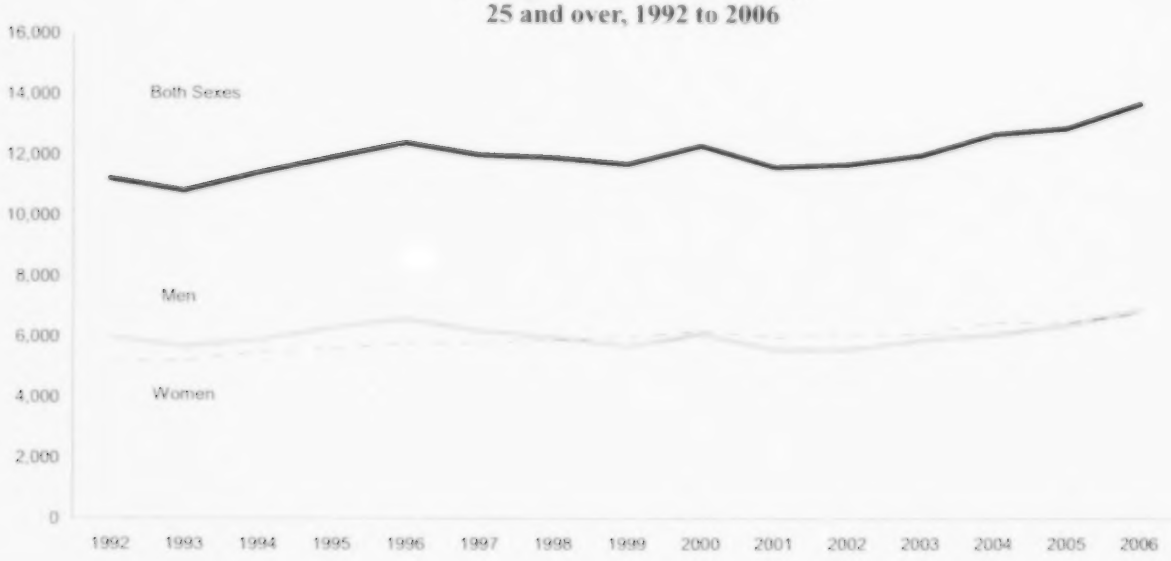

Yukon's Unemployment Rate

		15 years and older Unemployment Rate (%)			25 years and older Unemployment Rate (%)		
		Both Sexes	Men	Women	Both Sexes	Men	Women
2006	May	4.8	7.1	2.5	3.6	4.3	2.9
	Apr	4.9	5.9	3.8	3.6	2.9	2.9
	Mar	4.9	6.0	3.8	3.7	2.9	4.5
	Feb	4.4	4.8	3.9	3.0	2.9	3.1
	Jan	4.9	4.9	4.9	3.0	2.9	3.0
2005	Dec	4.3	4.9	3.7	1.5	3.0	*
	Nov	4.3	5.0	3.7	3.0	3.0	3.0
	Oct	5.1	7.6	2.5	4.6	6.3	3.0
	Sep	5.0	6.3	2.5	3.8	6.3	3.0
	Aug	6.1	8.6	3.6	5.2	7.7	2.9
	Jul	4.8	6.1	3.6	3.0	4.5	*
	Jun	6.5	8.3	3.6	5.1	7.4	2.9
	May	4.8	7.1	3.7	4.4	7.2	3.0
2004	May	6.2	8.8	2.5	6.0	7.5	2.9
2003	May	9.9	13.0	6.7	8.3	9.1	7.6
2002	May	8.5	13.0	4.0	8.6	12.3	4.7
2001	May	12.6	16.9	8.2	11.5	13.6	9.1
2000	May	9.7	13.6	5.4	9.0	11.6	6.1
1999	May	13.5	19.8	6.7	12.0	16.2	7.7
1998	May	13.4	18.1	8.1	11.8	15.5	9.2
1997	May	11.9	15.3	8.1	11.8	12.7	9.4
1996	May	8.3	9.4	6.9	8.2	8.3	8.1
1995	May	8.1	11.3	4.4	7.0	8.7	5.1
1994	May	10.3	14.1	6.0	8.7	10.6	6.8
1993	May	14.7	15.9	11.8	15.0	16.4	13.3
1992	May	8.9	11.4	7.5	8.9	9.1	8.8
Average May 1992 to 2006		**9.7**	**13.0**	**6.2**	**9.0**	**10.9**	**7.0**

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Yukon's Employment - *seasonally unadjusted*

A word about "adjusted" vs. "unadjusted"
The statistics on the next 5 pages are "seasonally unadjusted," as opposed to the figures on pages 1 through 6, which are "seasonally adjusted."

"Seasonally adjusted" refers to the technique of adjusting the "raw" figures to remove seasonal movements (*see page 12 for further explanation*). As such, "seasonally adjusted" employment figures are widely used and quoted, as they are considered to be a more accurate picture of the current employment situation than the "raw" or "unadjusted" figures.

Some of the variables mentioned in the next 5 pages are available only in the "unadjusted" format, while others are available both as "adjusted" and "unadjusted." Comparisons between the "adjusted" and "unadjusted" series should not be made.

Yukon's Labour Force Characteristics (*unadjusted*)

		Labour Force	Employed	Unemployed	Not in Labour Force	Unemployment Rate	Participation Rate	Employment Rate
						%		
2006	May	16,400	15,600	800	5,100	4.9	76.3	72.6
	Apr	16,100	15,200	800	5,500	5.0	74.5	70.4
	Mar	15,900	15,000	900	5,700	5.7	73.6	69.4
	Feb	15,500	14,700	800	6,100	5.2	71.8	68.1
	Jan	15,900	15,100	800	5,700	5.0	73.6	69.9
2005	Dec	15,900	15,300	700	5,600	4.4	74.0	71.2
	Nov	16,000	15,300	700	5,400	4.4	74.4	71.2
	Oct	16,100	15,300	700	5,400	4.3	74.9	71.2
	Sep	16,500	15,800	700	5,000	4.2	76.7	73.5
	Aug	17,100	16,200	900	4,400	5.3	79.5	75.3
	Jul	17,000	16,300	800	4,500	4.7	79.1	75.8
	Jun	16,800	15,800	1,000	4,700	6.0	78.1	73.5
	May	16,300	15,300	900	5,300	5.5	75.8	71.2
2004	May	16,000	14,900	1,100	5,200	6.9	75.5	70.3
2003	May	15,200	13,500	1,700	5,400	11.2	73.8	65.5
2002	May	15,100	13,600	1,500	4,800	9.9	75.5	68.0
2001	May	15,100	12,800	2,200	4,700	14.6	76.3	64.6
2000	May	15,500	13,700	1,800	4,400	11.6	77.9	68.8
1999	May	15,600	13,100	2,500	4,300	16.0	78.4	65.8
1998	May	15,700	13,200	2,500	4,300	15.9	78.5	66.0
1997	May	15,900	13,500	2,400	4,300	15.1	78.7	66.8
1996	May	15,600	13,900	1,600	4,000	10.3	80.0	71.3
1995	May	14,600	13,200	1,400	4,200	9.6	77.7	70.2
1994	May	14,500	12,700	1,800	4,000	12.4	78.4	68.6
1993	May	14,900	12,400	2,600	3,900	17.4	79.3	66.0
1992	May	14,400	12,900	1,600	4,000	11.1	77.8	69.7
Average May 1992 to 2006		**15,400**	**13,600**	**1,800**	**4,500**	**11.5**	**77.3**	**68.4**

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Full-time and Part-time Employment

		Total Employed	Full-time	% of all employed	Part-time	% of all employed
2006	May	15,600	13,100	84.0%	2,500	16.0%
	Apr	15,200	12,600	82.9%	2,600	17.1%
	Mar	15,000	12,400	82.7%	2,600	17.3%
	Feb	14,700	11,900	81.0%	2,900	19.7%
	Jan	15,100	12,000	79.5%	3,100	20.5%
2005	Dec	15,300	12,300	80.4%	3,000	19.6%
	Nov	15,300	12,700	83.0%	2,700	17.6%
	Oct	15,300	12,900	84.3%	2,400	15.7%
	Sep	15,800	13,500	85.4%	2,300	14.6%
	Aug	16,200	14,000	86.4%	2,200	13.6%
	Jul	16,300	14,100	86.5%	2,100	12.9%
	Jun	15,800	13,600	86.1%	2,200	13.9%
	May	15,300	13,200	86.3%	2,100	13.7%
2004	May	14,900	12,400	83.2%	2,500	16.8%
2003	May	13,500	11,500	85.2%	2,000	14.8%
2002	May	13,600	10,800	79.4%	2,800	20.6%
2001	May	12,800	10,400	81.3%	2,500	19.5%
2000	May	13,700	10,700	78.1%	2,900	21.2%
1999	May	13,100	10,600	80.9%	2,500	19.1%
1998	May	13,200	10,900	82.6%	2,300	17.4%
1997	May	13,500	10,700	79.3%	2,800	20.7%
1996	May	13,900	11,700	84.2%	2,200	15.8%
1995	May	13,200	11,200	84.8%	2,000	15.2%
1994	May	12,700	10,700	84.3%	2,000	15.7%
1993	May	12,400	10,200	82.3%	2,100	16.9%
1992	May	12,900	10,800	83.7%	2,100	16.3%
Average May 1992 to 2006		**13,600**	**11,300**	**82.6%**	**2,400**	**17.3%**

Employment in Goods- and Service-Producing Industries

		Total Employed	Goods-Producing Industries	Service-Producing Industries
2006	May	15,600	2,000	13,600
	Apr	15,200	2,000	13,200
	Mar	15,000	2,100	12,900
	Feb	14,700	2,000	12,800
	Jan	15,100	1,900	13,200
2005	Dec	15,300	1,900	13,400
	Nov	15,300	1,900	13,500
	Oct	15,300	2,000	13,400
	Sep	15,800	2,100	13,700
	Aug	16,200	2,200	14,100
	Jul	16,300	2,100	14,200
	Jun	15,800	1,800	14,000
	May	15,300	1,800	13,600
2004	May	14,900	1,300	13,500
2003	May	13,500	1,400	12,100
2002	May	13,600	1,600	12,000
2001	May	12,800	1,500	11,300
2000	May	13,700	1,800	11,900
1999	May	13,100	1,300	11,800
1998	May	13,200	1,600	11,600
1997	May	13,500	1,900	11,600
1996	May	13,900	2,100	11,800
1995	May	13,200	1,800	11,400
1994	May	12,700	1,600	11,100
1993	May	12,400	1,700	10,700
1992	May	12,900	1,900	10,900
Average May 1992 to 2006		**13,600**	**1,700**	**11,900**

Public and Private Sector Employment

		Total Employed	Public Sector*	Private Sector		
			Employees	Employees	Self-Employed	Total Private Sector
2006	May	15,600	5,500	7,500	2,500	10,000
	Apr	15,200	5,300	7,400	2,500	9,900
	Mar	15,000	5,400	7,000	2,600	9,600
	Feb	14,700	5,600	6,600	2,600	9,200
	Jan	15,100	5,900	6,600	2,500	9,100
2005	Dec	15,300	5,900	6,500	2,900	9,400
	Nov	15,300	5,900	6,700	2,700	9,400
	Oct	15,300	5,800	7,000	2,500	9,500
	Sep	15,800	6,200	7,200	2,400	9,600
	Aug	16,200	6,300	7,500	2,400	9,900
	Jul	16,300	6,300	7,200	2,700	9,900
	Jun	15,800	6,000	7,100	2,700	9,800
	May	15,300	5,800	6,800	2,700	9,500
2004	May	14,900	5,700	6,900	2,300	9,200
2003	May	13,500	5,300	5,900	2,300	8,200
2002	May	13,600	5,500	5,600	2,500	8,100
2001	May	12,800	5,500	4,700	2,600	7,300
2000	May	13,700	5,500	5,400	2,800	8,200
1999	May	13,100	5,600	4,900	2,600	7,500
1998	May	13,200	5,500	5,600	2,100	7,700
1997	May	13,500	5,100	6,300	2,200	8,500
1996	May	13,900	5,000	6,800	2,200	9,000
1995	May	13,200	4,700	6,300	2,200	8,500
1994	May	12,700	4,500	5,700	2,500	8,200
1993	May	12,400	4,500	6,000	1,900	7,900
1992	May	12,900	4,800	6,000	2,000	8,000
Average May 1992 to 2006		**13,600**	**5,200**	**6,000**	**2,400**	**8,400**

* *includes Federal, Territorial, Municipal, and First Nation Band Office employment*

Labour Force

		By age			By sex & age				% Change May 2005 to May 2006	
					Men		Women			
		15+	15-24	25+	15+	25+	15+	25+		
2006	May	16,400	2,800	13,600	8,400	6,900	8,000	6,800	Both	
	Apr	16,100	2,500	13,600	8,300	6,800	7,800	6,800	15+	0.6%
	Mar	15,900	2,500	13,400	8,100	6,700	7,800	6,700	15-24	0.0%
	Feb	15,500	2,400	13,100	7,900	6,600	7,600	6,500	25+	1.5%
	Jan	15,900	2,700	13,100	7,900	6,600	8,000	6,600		
2005	Dec	15,900	2,700	13,200	7,900	6,600	8,000	6,600	Men	
	Nov	16,000	2,800	13,300	8,000	6,600	8,000	6,600	15+	2.4%
	Oct	16,100	2,700	13,300	8,100	6,600	8,000	6,700	25+	1.5%
	Sep	16,500	3,100	13,400	8,400	6,700	8,200	6,700		
	Aug	17,100	3,400	13,700	8,500	6,700	8,600	7,000		
	Jul	17,000	3,300	13,700	8,500	6,700	8,500	7,000	Women	
	Jun	16,800	3,100	13,700	8,400	6,800	8,400	6,900	15+	0.0%
	May	16,300	2,800	13,400	8,200	6,800	8,000	6,700	25+	1.5%

Employed

		By age			By sex & age			
					Men		Women	
		15+	15–24	25+	15+	25+	15+	25+
2006	May	15,600	2,500	13,100	7,800	6,500	7,700	6,600
	Apr	15,200	2,100	13,100	7,700	6,500	7,500	6,600
	Mar	15,000	2,200	12,800	7,600	6,400	7,400	6,500
	Feb	14,700	2,100	12,600	7,500	6,300	7,300	6,300
	Jan	15,100	2,400	12,700	7,500	6,300	7,600	6,400
2005	Dec	15,300	2,400	12,800	7,600	6,400	7,700	6,500
	Nov	15,300	2,500	12,900	7,600	6,400	7,700	6,500
	Oct	15,300	2,600	12,800	7,600	6,200	7,800	6,500
	Sep	15,800	2,800	13,000	7,900	6,400	7,900	6,600
	Aug	16,200	3,100	13,200	7,900	6,300	8,300	6,800
	Jul	16,300	2,900	13,300	8,100	6,500	8,200	6,800
	Jun	15,800	2,800	13,000	7,700	6,300	8,100	6,700
	May	15,300	2,600	12,700	7,600	6,200	7,800	6,500

% Change May 2005 to May 2006	
Both	
15+	2.0%
15-24	-3.8%
25+	3.1%
Men	
15+	2.6%
25+	4.8%
Women	
15+	-1.3%
25+	1.5%

Participation Rate

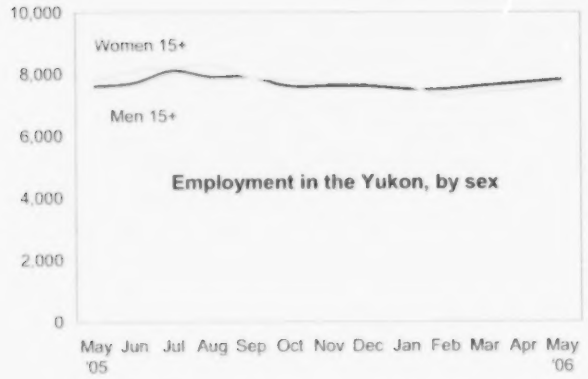
Change (% points) May 2005 to May 2006	
Both	
15+	0.5
15-24	0.0
25+	1.1
Men	
15+	1.1
25+	1.1
Women	
15+	0.0
25+	0.3

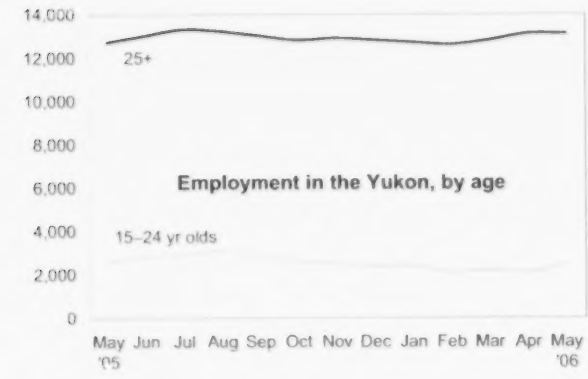
		By age			By sex & age			
					Men		Women	
		15+	15–24	25+	15+	25+	15+	25+
		----------	%	----------	----------	%	----------	
2006	May	76.3	66.7	78.6	78.5	82.1	73.4	76.4
	Apr	74.5	59.5	78.2	77.6	81.0	71.6	76.4
	Mar	73.6	59.5	77.0	75.7	79.8	71.6	74.4
	Feb	71.8	57.1	75.3	74.5	78.6	69.1	72.2
	Jan	73.6	64.3	75.3	74.5	78.6	73.4	73.3
2005	Dec	74.0	64.3	76.3	74.5	78.6	73.4	74.2
	Nov	74.4	66.7	76.9	75.5	78.6	73.4	74.2
	Oct	74.9	64.3	76.9	76.4	78.6	73.4	75.3
	Sep	76.7	73.8	77.5	79.2	79.8	75.2	75.3
	Aug	79.5	81.0	79.2	80.2	79.8	78.9	78.7
	Jul	79.1	78.6	79.2	80.2	79.8	78.0	78.7
	Jun	78.1	73.8	79.2	79.2	81.0	77.1	77.5
	May	75.8	66.7	77.5	77.4	81.0	73.4	76.1

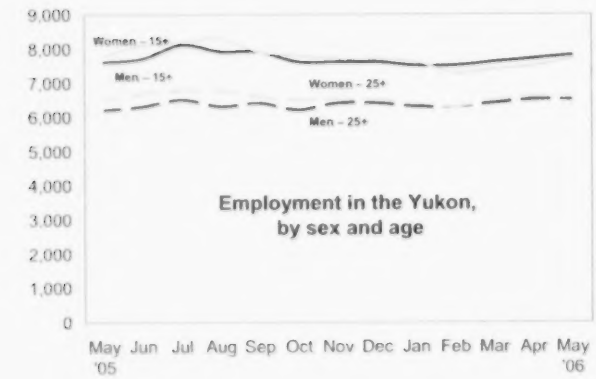
Employment Rate

		By age			By sex & age			
					Men		Women	
		15+	15–24	25+	15+	25+	15+	25+
		----------	%	----------	----------	%	----------	
2006	May	72.6	59.5	75.7	72.9	77.4	70.6	74.2
	Apr	70.4	50.0	75.3	72.0	77.4	68.8	74.2
	Mar	69.4	52.4	73.6	71.0	76.2	67.9	72.2
	Feb	68.1	50.0	72.4	70.8	75.0	66.4	70.0
	Jan	69.9	57.1	73.0	70.8	75.0	69.7	71.1
2005	Dec	71.2	57.1	74.0	71.7	76.2	70.6	73.0
	Nov	71.2	59.5	74.6	71.7	76.2	70.6	73.0
	Oct	71.2	61.9	74.0	71.7	73.8	71.6	73.0
	Sep	73.5	66.7	75.1	74.5	76.2	72.5	74.2
	Aug	75.3	73.8	76.3	74.5	75.0	76.1	76.4
	Jul	75.8	69.0	76.9	76.4	77.4	75.2	76.4
	Jun	73.5	66.7	75.1	72.6	75.0	74.3	75.3
	May	71.2	61.9	73.4	71.7	73.8	71.6	73.9

Change (% points) May 2005 to May 2006	
Both	
15+	1.4
15-24	-2.4
25+	2.3
Men	
15+	1.2
25+	3.6
Women	
15+	-1.0
25+	0.3







Where the numbers come from

Every month Statistics Canada surveyors in the Yukon, the NWT and in each province of Canada interview a representative sample of individuals 15 years of age and older. The surveyors ask these individuals if they were working, or were looking and available for work, during the "reference week" (usually the 3rd week of the month). Individuals are counted as employed if:

- *they worked for at least 1 hour during the reference week ("work" includes self-employment).*

Individuals are counted as unemployed if:

- *they were without work but had looked for work in the past 4 weeks;*
- *they had been laid off but were not looking for work because they expected to return to their original work;*
- *or they were not looking for work because they had a new job starting within 4 weeks.*

If someone is neither employed nor unemployed they are then defined as not in the labour force and therefore not counted in the unemployment rate. However, they are still considered to be part of the working-age population.

The survey described above is called the Labour Force Survey (LFS). The Yukon has been included in the LFS since January 1992. However, the national rates for Canada do not include any of the territories.

The objectives of the LFS are to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications – employed, unemployed and not in the labour force – and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories.

The LFS is the only source of monthly estimates of total employment including the self-employed, full- and part-time employment, and unemployment. It publishes monthly standard labour market indicators such as the unemployment rate, the employment rate and the participation rate. The LFS is a major source of information on the personal characteristics of the working-age population, including age, sex, marital status, educational attainment, and family characteristics.

In the Yukon the LFS sample is designed to represent approximately 83% of the working-age population (Yukoners 15 years of age and older). Yukoners living in unorganized areas, full-time members of the armed forces and people living in institutions are not represented in the sample.

As a "household-based" survey, the LFS counts individuals as part of the labour force in the province or territory their home is in. Therefore, if an individual is working outside of the Yukon, in the NWT for instance, but still has their home in the Yukon, they are counted in the Yukon's labour force.

***Suppression of Data**. For the Labour Force Survey in the Yukon, Statistics Canada suppresses any figure that is below 200 for confidentiality reasons. This is to ensure the confidentiality of each individual respondent to the survey.*

Definitions:

1. **Employment**
Employed persons are those who, during the reference week, did any work for pay or profit, or had a job and were absent from work.

2. **Employment rate**
Also referred to as "employment/population ratio," it is the number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over. The employment rate for a particular group (for example, women aged 25 years and over) is the number employed in that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

3. **Goods-Producing Industries**
Goods-Producing Industries (or goods sector, or goods industries): includes agriculture, other primary industries (forestry; fishing and trapping; mines, quarries and oil wells), manufacturing, construction and utilities (electric power, gas and water).

4. **Labour force**
The labour force is the civilian non-institutional population 15 years of age and over who, during the survey reference week, were employed or unemployed.

5. **Not in the labour force**
Persons not in the labour force are those who, during the reference week, were unwilling or unable to offer or supply labour services under conditions existing in their labour markets; that is, they were neither employed nor unemployed.

6. **Participation rate**
The participation rate is the total labour force expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over. The participation rate for a particular group (for example, women aged 25 years and over) is the labour force in that group expressed as a percentage of the population for that group.

7. **Reference Week**
The reference week is the entire calendar week (from Sunday to Saturday) covered by the Labour Force Survey each month. It is usually the week containing the 15th day of the month. The interviews are conducted during the following week, called the Survey Week, and the labour force status determined is that of the reference week.

8. **Seasonal adjustment**
Fluctuations in economic time series are caused by seasonal, cyclical and irregular movements. A seasonally adjusted series is one from which seasonal movements have been eliminated. Seasonal movements are defined as those that are caused by regular annual events such as climate, holidays, vacation periods and cycles related to crops, production and retail sales associated with Christmas and Easter. It should be noted that the seasonally adjusted series contain irregular as well as longer-term cyclical fluctuations.

9. **Self-employed**
There are two broad categories of workers: those who work for others and those who work for themselves, namely, the self-employed. The self-employed includes working owners of incorporated businesses, working owners of unincorporated businesses and other self-employed.

10. **Service-Producing Industries**
Service-Producing Industries (or service sector, or service industries): includes trade; transportation and warehousing; finance, insurance, real estate and leasing; professional, scientific and technical services; management, administrative and other support; educational services; health care and social assistance; information, culture and recreation; accommodation and food services; other services; and public administration.

11. **Three-Month Moving Average**
All Yukon monthly figures, whether seasonally adjusted or unadjusted, are three-month moving averages – for example, the March 2004 unemployment rate of 6.0% is actually an average of the unemployment rates for the months of January, February and March. April's unemployment rate will become the average of the rates for February, March and April.

12. **Unemployment**
Unemployed persons are those who, during the reference week, were available for work and were either on temporary layoff, had looked for work in the past four weeks, or had a job to start within the next four weeks.

13. **Unemployment rate**
The unemployment rate is the number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. The unemployment rate for a particular group (age, sex, marital status, etc.) is the number unemployed in that group expressed as a percentage of the labour force for that group.

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